

PSRML TURNS THIRTY

by Beryl Glitz

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We don't usually like to talk about age, but since it's an institution and not a person, we are happy to announce that the Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library is thirty years old this year. Known to you, affectionately we hope, as either PSRML, PSRMLS, Smirls, or just, "the RML", the Regional Medical Library at UCLA was established back in 1969 as headquarters for this particular region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, formerly known as the Regional Medical Library Network. Since that time, many different programs and services have been part of our continuing contract with the National Library of Medicine. While some things have remained constant, much has changed within both our network and our contractual obligations. To celebrate that thirty years of change and growth, we've invited past associate directors to write articles for our newsletter - giving us a little history, some perspective, and perhaps some

wisdom, as they look backwards on our accomplishments and forward to the next thirty years. We'll also feature other articles on some of the important activities for which PSRML has been responsible over the years, including online training and document delivery. We hope you will enjoy these articles and celebrate with us our birthday. . . and we hasten to add that in spite of that old adage, you CAN trust us, now we're over thirty!

(See "The PSRML Turns Thirty" poster at the Joint Meeting in San Jose; this exhibit celebrates the mission and achievements of PSRML over the past thirty years.)

Our first article comes, only naturally, from the first person to serve as Associate Director in the Region: Nelson Gilman. Nelson has since become a director of one of our Resource Libraries, Norris Medical Library at USC, and hence has a unique perspective on PSRML activities.

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*D*ear Beryl,

I appreciate the opportunity to join you in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library. I was only one year older than the RML is now when I became its first Associate Director in 1969.

PSRML started with funding which resulted from a successful grant application prepared in response to the call from the National Library of Medicine in 1967, to develop Regional Medical Libraries. Louise Darling, UCLA Biomedical Librarian, led the application effort, with the assistance of a number of her library colleagues. And what an effort it was. We spent long hours writing the proposal and ended up at midnight one night assembling the documents and typing mailing labels. It was then that we discovered Louise was not a great typist, but then who of us was in those days?

Although two or three regional medical libraries already existed, we certainly felt we were on the forefront of library network development and quickly put together a staff and program to fulfill our role as a regional medical information resource serving Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and a rather poorly described area further out in the Pacific, one which you have now more clearly defined.

The RMLs were conducting MEDLARS searches for physicians and providing backup reference service and interlibrary loans to hospital libraries. We shared the latter

function with the library at UC San Francisco. The RML ILL operation was very successful with Annelie Rosenberg as the ILL librarian and Jessye Randle overseeing day-to-day processing with the assistance of Pauline Moore. Betsey Beamish served as the first Head of the MEDLARS Search Station.

We wanted to introduce a new component to our service program, however, and chose to give education a major emphasis in response to regional need. Many hospital libraries were run by people without an academic degree in library science and often without training or the guidance of a mentor. Phyllis Mirsky took charge of this effort, developing several manuals for hospital libraries and introducing a variety of workshops which were taught throughout the region. The RML quickly produced a loyal following among these library managers, and the educational programs expanded.

Of course we hired a support staff to assure an effective office operation. I remember my first secretary was a very capable and elegantly dressed woman. She was not prepared, however, to grapple with the duplicating machines we used at the time to produce educational materials, flyers, etc., and she soon resigned, before she was splattered with black, gooey ink that often sprayed from our machine. Her replacement was a secretarial whiz and a champion typist, using an electric typewriter to

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produce about 130 wpm with no mistakes. As a young administrator with a private secretary for the first time, my greatest concern was whether I would have enough work to keep her busy. I would give her what I thought was a long dictation tape only to find a completed document back on my desk in what seemed about five minutes!

One of the more satisfying aspects of my work in that first year was traveling throughout the region to tell librarians and health professionals about the RML program. In those days, air travel was not the rapid and easy prospect it is today. Going as far as Northern California was no simple matter, while travel to Hawaii was a definite challenge. I had never been to the Islands before, so going there was a big thrill and wanting to fit in, a few days before my departure, I spent several hours shopping to find the most authentic Hawaiian shirts. As it turned out, I often wore a summer suit with a tie when I was there — not quite the native-islander costume!

Clyde Winters was at the Hawaii Medical Library at the time, and I had asked him to recommend a modest hotel in Honolulu, which would be my first stop before going from Oahu to some of the other islands. He suggested I stay at the hotel where the locals stayed, a two-story, concrete-block structure just behind the International Market. Clyde gave me the rate options: \$7 for a room without a carpet, \$8 with a carpet, and \$9 with a carpet and a kitchen. I chose the middle option, and the accommodations were adequate

although the light bulbs were of such a low wattage that, as a reader, I felt it necessary to go to a local shop and buy some new bulbs.

Actually, the trip got off to a bad start when I caught the measles just before my departure from Los Angeles and everyday had to send a new telegram to the different hotels telling them my arrival would be delayed. When I arrived at my hotel in Honolulu, the desk clerk showed me about five messages that I had sent over the previous few days, always adjusting my arrival date. They knew I was coming; it was only a question of when.

I know that traveling today for the RML is a very different matter, and that even a visit to Guam is not the adventure it would have been thirty years ago. But traveling remains an important part of your job in maintaining close working relationships with all the members of your region, and being able to hear from them first hand, no matter how far away they are from UCLA.

Well, Beryl, now that I am twice the age of the PSRML, I know why those who reflect on the past so often focus on the more personal aspects of their work experience. It's a senior moment! And as the most senior of the associate directors, let me wish you and your staff a very "happy birthday"; and remember, you're not getting older, you're just getting better.

Your colleague, Nelson

Nelson Gilman
USC Norris Medical Library

NLM Partners with the Public

by Heidi Sandstrom

On October 22, 1998, the National Library of Medicine (NLM) launched MEDLINEplus, a new consumer health information Web site. It also announced a new public library initiative, *Medical Questions? MEDLINE Has Answers.*

The "MEDLINEplus" pages are designed to assist the public in locating authoritative and easy-to-understand health information sources. The site includes MEDLINE and links to selected resources and to "Health Topics", which provides information about a number of specific diseases and conditions.

Medical Questions? is a pilot project involving 39 public library organizations with more than 200 locations in nine states. It is designed to increase public awareness of and access to health information via the Internet. It will evaluate the degree to which public libraries and the Internet can help meet the health information needs of the public. Donald A. B. Lindberg, MD, Director of NLM, has stated, "This project will help us to determine the feasibility of mounting these programs in public libraries nationwide."

Link to MEDLINEplus from NLM's home page at: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/> ☼

For more information about how to use MEDLINEplus link to the article at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/gyours/novdec98.html#Prescription>. It features a Network librarian from our Region!

The Library of California...at Last!

Gov. Pete Wilson signed SB 409 into law in late September, creating the Library of California, an electronic network of California libraries that will eventually make it possible for any Californian to use any library anywhere in the state.

The legislation signed by the Governor appropriates \$5 million for access to electronic databases and other telecommunications linkages among libraries of all kinds. In addition to creating an electronic network of libraries in the state, the legislation establishes regional library networks and statewide coordination of library services.

Phase I start-up activities for enacting the Library of California Act include:

- drafting regulations
- initiating the telecommunications infrastructure
- planning Regional Library Networks
- beginning initial new services in the areas of statewide database licenses, serials, and reimbursement for interlibrary loans/direct loans that are not covered under the California Library Services Act

If you'd like to be a part of this exciting process and are not on the Library of California mailing list, contact Barbara Will, Networking Coordinator at the California State Library. She can be reached at: (916)653-7071 or bwil@library.ca.gov ☛

Region 7 SERHOLD Participants: When You Speak, NLM Listens

by Heidi Sandstrom

This past June, NLM provided information to our Region about the next generation of SERHOLD and asked Region 7 SERHOLD participants to respond to a brief survey about features being considered for this new SERHOLD system. PSRML sent a request for feedback on this survey through our Regional listserv.

NLM has compiled all of the responses to this national SERHOLD Request for Information and has responded with the document found on our Web site at the following URL:

<http://www.nnlm.nlm.nih.gov/psr/serhold/serhold99.html>

If you cannot access the document, contact us and we will send you a copy. Your opinions count! ☛

California SERHOLD Participants

The **Statewide Serials Database** (SSDB) is a project sponsored by the California State Library, as a tool in support of the access services program of the Library of California (see related article in this issue). This program includes interlibrary loan/document delivery, patron referral and on-site services, and direct loan. This past July, California libraries in the National Library of Medicine's SERHOLD database, along with public, academic and special libraries contributing to the California Union List of Periodicals (CULP) joined with the academic libraries already in Melvyl's Periodicals database to form this new Statewide Serials Database.

A number of California Network libraries have indicated in the past that they want to be included in this database. PSRML will be sending a letter in early 1999 to all California SERHOLD participants, inviting them to participate. If you have not received a letter by February and want to be included, contact us.

You can access the SSDB through the University of California's Melvyl system Web site at:

<http://www.melvyl.ucop.edu/>

Choose the *Periodicals Titles* database then click on *Help* for more information about this database and how to search it. ☛

Consumer Health Information Services Questionnaire

There is still time to complete this survey sent to all California Network Members. Please fax your reply to (310)825-5389. If you didn't receive one, call our office. Even if you don't provide these services, please let us know that too!

PSRML ON THE ROAD...



During the past quarter, Judy Consales has continued to promote PSRML's Internet Connectivity Support Program by visiting several hospitals: Brea Community Hospital, Anaheim General Hospital, East Los Angeles Doctors Hospital, and Tri-City Regional Medical Center. All of the institutions agreed to participate in the Program and will be receiving computer equipment and/or funding for Internet Service Provider costs.

In October, Claire Hamasu attended the Professional and Clinical Nursing Update of the Philippine Nurses Association of Northern California. At this meeting, she encouraged nurses to use the Internet for networking, for keeping current, and to earn CE credits. Heidi Sandstrom presented an overview of the Electronic Fund Transfer System (EFTS) at the Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona (MLGSCA) fall meeting and will continue further discussion about EFTS with MLGSCA and the Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group members at their Joint Meeting in San Jose, CA.

In November, Judy presented "Bringing Medical Research to Your Desktop through the Internet" at the *Telemedicine and Rural Health: New*

Developments and Practical Applications seminar held in Indio, CA at the Fantasy Springs Casino and jointly sponsored by the California Telehealth & Telemedicine Center, the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, and the Healthcare Association of Southern California.

Beryl Glitz and Claire Hamasu joined Joan Zenan and Terry Henner at the speakers' table for a session of the Nevada Public Health Association Meeting in Reno, Nevada. Timing was good. Joan Zenan announced that a Nevada project, Public Health Information Link (P.H.I.L.) was recently funded by PSRML through a grant to Savitt Medical Library, University of Nevada, Reno. The panel stirred up excitement with a presentation titled "What are you missing if you are not on the Web?"—this was an ideal way to stimulate the interest of attending public health professionals in the two year P.H.I.L. project. Thank you to Joan Zenan for arranging for our participation at this meeting. We also thank Sherry McGee of Washoe Medical Center and Kathleen Davis of St. Mary's Regional Medical Center for their hospitality during our visits to their libraries.

Heidi Sandstrom and Judy participated in a panel discussion, "Consumer Health Information: Partnering Strategies for Libraries" at the California

Library Association (CLA) Annual Conference in Oakland, CA. Cheryl Warren, Valley Care Health System, Pleasanton, CA and Barbara Bibel, Oakland Public Library, Oakland, CA were also on the panel. With the increasing availability of medical information via the Internet, strategies for public libraries to partner with medical libraries were offered as a means to improve access and delivery of consumer health information. NLM's Medline Plus Web site with health information for consumers (medlineplus.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/) debuted just in time to be showcased at this session (see related articles in this issue).

Judy taught two PubMed classes; one for southern California Kaiser Permanente librarians in Downey, CA and another for public, medical, and community college librarians which coincided with the 25th anniversary celebration of the Reeves Medical Library at Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara, CA.

PSRML coordinated registration for the Internet Librarian conference. Individuals were able to obtain a significant reduction in costs by sending their registrations to PSRML, which forwarded them as a group to Internet Librarian. Twenty-two librarians from our Region, including Judy and Heidi, took advantage of

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this offer and attended the conference in Monterey, CA. Immediately following the Internet Librarian was the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) meeting in Orlando, FL. Claire attended this and found the views of information and information access that were presented by a diverse group of professionals at this meeting were very stimulating.

Representing the National Library of Medicine, PSRML exhibited at the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in October and at the American Health System Pharmacists Association (AHSP) meeting in December. Thank you to Florence Jakus from the West Charleston Library Health Science Library for her assistance at the booth during the AHSP meeting. While in Las Vegas, Claire and Heidi also visited two librarians who are new to our Region: Dorie Kalinich is at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada and Eva Stowers is at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

The last road trip of the year was taken by Claire, who traveled to Auburn, CA to meet the staff at the Auburn AIDS Foundation and show them NLM's AIDS resources on the Internet. That afternoon, she presented a "Breaking thru' the Net: An Introduction to the Internet for Health Professionals" workshop to staff from the Placer County Department of Health Services. ♣

NEW GRANT TO CHIS

The Consumer Health Information Service (CHIS) of Hawaii Medical Library (HML) is the recipient of a one-year grant from the Hawaii Medical Service Association Foundation to establish and provide outreach to school libraries, teachers, health personnel, and students. The grant is being funded beginning October 1998 through September 1999. The overall objective is to provide public and private secondary school libraries and their users with a medical library resource either for library/classroom use or to answer a personal health question. The school libraries partnership is an extension of the existing presence of CHIS in the community and is consistent with its mission to provide information resources and services to enable consumers to make informed health care decisions. Marlene Ah Heong, currently an HML Reference Librarian, has been hired to fill the grant funded position of Reference/School Outreach Librarian. Marlene brings to this position her HML reference experience and her enthusiasm for developing the new partnership. For more information about CHIS, see the article in the latest issue of *Gratefully Yours* at the following Web site:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/gyours/novdec98.html#How>

For more information about this grant, contact Marlene at: ahheong@hml.org.

(Reprinted from the November 1998 issue of the Hawaii Medical Library Newsletter) ♣

EBHC Videotape Available for Loan

The videotape of the September 16, 1998, MLA teleconference, Evidence-Based Health Care in Action, is available for loan from PSRML. This teleconference, according to MLA, "provides a fundamental knowledge about the purpose, origin, and history of EBHC; demonstrates the actual practice and process of EBHC, illustrates the roles that librarians are currently undertaking in the process, and provides a starting point for discussion through the creation of an EBHC listserv." Contact our office if you would like to borrow this videotape.

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PubMed Search Tips

Save Searches Using the Advanced Mode or MeSH Browser

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According to the PubMed manual if you want to save your search strategy for future reference or to run SDIs, you must use the Basic Mode or the Boolean Search mode. Here is a method to transfer your search strategy from the Advanced Mode screens in the form of a URL into the Boolean Search mode and save your strategy.

Construct your search strategy directly in the advanced mode or by using the MeSH Browser. Once you have finalized your strategy and have obtained the desired results do the following:

- Click on the "Details" button, which will show you your search strategy, and how PubMed ran your search
- Highlight the entire search strategy as displayed
- Using the keyboard copy command (Control c), copy the strategy
- Open the Boolean Search box from the Advanced Search screen
- Paste your search strategy [Control v] in the Boolean Search box
- Click the "Search" button

The URL that now appears is your final search strategy. This can be e-mailed to your patron,

copied into a document or made into a bookmark. You can then use this bookmark or URL as an SDI to update a search on the same topic sometime in the future.

In some instances we at the Drug Information Library are sending this URL to our patrons, rather than the final results. This allows them to review all citations directly from PubMed, use the Loansome Doc feature if desired, and to save this URL for future updates to their topic. It also cuts down on the amount of space needed for e-mail enclosures. It does take some explaining the first few times, but we have found that several of our patrons prefer receiving their search results this way.

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Printing Search Strategies

*from the National Network of
Libraries of Medicine,
Southeastern Atlantic Region*

Use the Details button in PubMed to view your search statements and boolean logic. If the search "fits" in the display window press ctrl p and what is displayed will print including the translated information on the top of the screen. If the search is more complex and you need to use the scroll bar to see all the search statements, you will need to use the directions below to print the entire search.

1. Use the mouse to highlight the entire search.
2. Press ctrl c to copy what is highlighted.
3. Open your text editor or word processing program.
4. Paste the highlighted search using ctrl v
5. Use alt tab (Hold down alt and press tab) to move back to PubMed
6. Use your mouse to highlight the "translation" information, if any, at the top of the screen. This information needs to be highlighted separately. Remember that the clipboard can only hold one thing at a time so you need to paste the search statements and repeat the process for the translation information.
7. Press ctrl c to copy
8. Press alt tab to return to your text editor or word processing program.
9. Use ctrl v to paste in the translation information
10. Print the search using the print command of the text editor or word processing program.

NOTE - These directions are for Windows users. Macintosh users substitute the [apple] key for the ctrl key.

Searching with New Subsets

*from MEDLARS Management
Section*

The PubMed database is a combination of two NLM

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databases, MEDLINE and PREMEDLINE, as well as citations that are electronically supplied by the publisher (PUBLISHER) to be indexed for MEDLINE. As a result, a user's search retrieval may be comprised of MEDLINE, PREMEDLINE, or PUBLISHER supplied citations. To limit your retrieval to a specific database or subset within PubMed, use the Subset search field qualifier [sb], e.g., breast cancer AND premedline [sb].

In addition, as citations are added to PubMed they are run through a special AIDS search filter. The AIDS subset contains MEDLINE, PREMEDLINE, and PUBLISHER citations. To limit your retrieval to the AIDS subset, use the subset search field qualifier [sb], e.g., aids [sb] AND health services.

Because Internet Grateful Med is now searching PubMed, the subset qualifier can also be used when searching MEDLINE with Internet Grateful Med.

PubMed subsets are: MEDLINE, PREMEDLINE, PUBLISHER, AIDS

Additional subsets to be added in early 1999 are: AIM - (Abridged Index Medicus), Dental, Nursing ★

Newest DOCLINE Participant

The library from this institution joined DOCLINE this past quarter. Welcome!

Queen of the Valley Hospital
LIBID: 94558B
SERHOLD Code: QVN
Titles in SERHOLD: 62

What Does Our Region Look Like?

by Andrea Lynch

Editor's note: Below are statistics about Region 7 of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) that you might find of interest!

NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

- Region 7 has a total of 611 Network Members

SERHOLD

- Region 7 has 375 SERHOLD contributors
- The numbers of SERHOLD contributors in Region 7, separated by state, are as follows: 44 in **Arizona**; 303 in **California**; 12 in **Hawaii**; 12 in **Nevada**; and 4 in the **Pacific Basin**
- Eleven (11) libraries in the Region (less than 3% of our SERHOLD contributors) have more than 10% of their total holdings in Level X format

DOCLINE

- Region 7 has 355 full (borrow and lend) DOCLINE participants
- The Region has 27 Borrow-Only DOCLINE participants
- 93% of our eligible SERHOLD contributors are full DOCLINE participants
- The numbers of full DOCLINE participants and Borrow-Only DOCLINE participants grouped respectively by the states within the Region are as follows: 41 and 6 in **Arizona**; 286 and 17 in **California**; 12 and 2 in **Hawaii**; 12 and 0 in **Nevada**; and 4 and 2 in the **Pacific Basin**
- Cumulative DOCLINE statistics for the October 1997 through September 1998 time period show that the 12 Resource Libraries in our Region meet or exceed National Network standards which measure fulfillment (fill rate) and processing time for requests (throughput)
- The last **DOCLINE Telecommunication Usage** report from NLM (10/98) shows that DOCLINE participants in our Region are accessing DOCLINE over the Internet 50% of the time (vs. Direct Dial, using the FTS2000 number). Our Region just exceeds the national average of 49%.

LOANSOME DOC AND CONSUMER HEALTH

- Region 7 currently has 153 libraries providing Loansome Doc service, and 78 of these provide the service to unaffiliated users
- Statistics for the Region show a tremendous increase in Loansome Doc requests from IGM/PubMed users over the last year, growing from 3640 during the 4th quarter of 1997, to 9287 during the 3rd quarter of 1998. This represents an overall increase of 255% during this time period.
- The Region has 161 libraries that have consumer health materials in their collections ★



http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/so98/so98_yep.html

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Farewell to *Gratefully Yours*

Hands-On Feature Coming to the *NLM Technical Bulletin*

Beginning in January 1999, several popular features of *Gratefully Yours*, a bi-monthly publication originally intended for Grateful Med users, will be published electronically in other NLM publications. The November-December 1998 issue of *Gratefully Yours* will be the last issue to be printed on paper and mailed to readers.

The *Gratefully Yours* front page feature article will move to the *NLM Newslines*, a quarterly newsletter about current events at NLM. The *NLM Newslines* contains news items and features about NLM products and services of interest to medical librarians and others.

The Hands-On question and answer feature found in *Gratefully Yours* will be coming here, to the *NLM Technical Bulletin*. The Hands-On column answers users' questions about features of PubMed and Internet Grateful Med.

Finding NLM *Newslines* on the Web

From the NLM Web site, <http://www.nlm.nih.gov>, under the heading Our Publications, click Newsletters; from there choose *NLM Technical Bulletin* or *NLM Newslines*. You can then bookmark the URLs for quick and easy future use. The URL address for the electronic *NLM Technical Bulletin* is: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/tb.html> and for *NLM Newslines*: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/nlmnews/nlmnews.html>.

Reminder: **CANCERLIT®** and **PDQ®** To Be Removed from the NLM Databases

As first announced in the July-August 1998 *NLM Technical Bulletin* article, *CANCERLIT® and PDQ® To Be Removed from the NLM Databases - Available from NCI's Web Site*, effective December 14, 1998 direct MEDLARS access to CANCERLIT and PDQ will no longer be available.

PDQ information and the CANCERLIT database are available on the NCI's CancerNet (TM) Web site <http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov>. Closed clinical trials are not available on the Web version of PDQ. Users who have an infrequent need for the closed trials data have two options. Health professionals may call the PDQ/CANCERLIT Service Center (800-345-3300) to have a search run in the Closed Trials file. Patients may call the Cancer Information Service (800-4-CANCER) to have a search run in the Closed Trials file. If you have an ongoing need for access to this data, it is available through the **NCI Information Associates Program** (<http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/jnci/iapinfo.html>) and the Office of Cancer Information, Communication and Education (OCICE) **licensing partners** (http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/market_2.htm).

For more information on how to search PDQ or CANCERLIT, call the NCI's PDQ/CANCERLIT Service Center (1-800-345-3300, fax to 1-800-380-1575 or e-mail to pdqsearch@icic.nci.nih.gov).

1999 *LSIOU* and MeSH® Tools - Ordering and Pricing Information

The 1999 *List of Serials Indexed for Online Users (LSIOU)*, *Medical Subject Headings - Annotated Alphabetic List, 1999*, *Medical Subject Headings - Tree Structures, 1999*, and *Permuted Medical Subject Headings, 1999* may now be ordered from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). Questions concerning orders may be directed to NTIS at 800-423-9255. Callers from outside the U.S. or Canada may reach NTIS at 703-487-4650. Questions about standing orders should be directed to the NTIS Subscription Section at 703-487-4630.

Order and pricing information for these publications can be found on NLM's Web site at: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/pubcat.html>. To see the listings for the MeSH tools click on the letter M and scroll down.

Upcoming Events

February 1999

- 5-7** Joint Meeting of NCNMLG and the
MLGSCA
- 8-9** "Introduction to Web-based Searching..."
(two-day class)
Los Angeles, CA
- 10** "Making the Transition"
Los Angeles, CA
- 11** "Accessing HIV/AIDS Information
Resources (A Public Health Training
Network Satellite Broadcast)
1:00-3:00 PM EST

March 1999

- 25, 26** "Making the Transition"
Sacramento, CA
- 29-30** "Introduction to Web-based Searching..."
(two-day class)
Irvine, CA
- 31** "Making the Transition"
Irvine, CA

Going, Going... but not All Gone

We're sorry to lose **Dorothy Fletcher** as our administrative assistant for finance and accounting. Dorothy has moved on to another position in the UCLA Medical Center.

Nadene McDonald, who has worked in the PSRML office for several years as an administrative assistant, was recently promoted. Starting January 4, 1999, she will be taking over Dorothy's position, working in the Biomedical Library's Administrative Office, dividing her time between the library and PSRML. We are delighted at Nadene's promotion, and really glad not to be losing all of her!

Andrea Lynch will take over as production manager for *Latitudes* which has been under Nadene's expert care. **Heidi Sandstrom** now serves as editor.

Thank you Nadene, and Dorothy, for all your help to our region over the last few years. ☆

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